

**Amendments to the Specifications:**

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0002]        A known apparatus for fighting a fire inside or outside a building includes fire extinguishers containing various chemicals as well as water, and ceiling-mounted water sprinklers. However, most sprinkler heads must sense a temperature of 200 degrees F or 85 degrees C before activation occurs, thereby giving the fire time to become extremely hot and, therefore, more difficult to extinguish. Also, what is not destroyed by fire will be destroyed by water in that room and the rooms below and adjacent thereto.

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0004]        Accordingly, the invention provides an apparatus for fighting a fire, ~~comprising~~  
The apparatus includes a suspendible container having a perforated lower surface. ~~[[e]]Each of~~  
~~whose~~ the perforations is closed by a heat-sensitive membrane ~~which that~~ is capable of rupture at  
an elevated temperature~~[[,]]~~. ~~[[t]]The container contain[[ing]]s~~ a fire retardant material ~~which~~  
that is released upon rupture of the membrane~~[[,]]~~. ~~[[t]]The apparatus further including~~ includes  
an electric heater adjacent to the membrane and a smoke detector controlling the heater such that  
upon the detection of smoke the heater is switched on to rupture the membrane.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0023]        In general, the suspendible container containing the fire retardant material can be  
any shape or size to suit the situation sought to be protected. It can be a strictly utilitarian item,  
such as the ceiling tile described, or it may have a decorative, novelty or ornamental function.  
Although a single membrane 14 covering all the perforations 16 has been described, the  
perforations may be individually closed off.